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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate St. James the Apostle  
4 Parish on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its founding;  
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6           WHEREAS, St. James, based in Glen Ellyn, was established in  
7 June of 1965 by Bishop Martin D. McNamara; Father Thomas  
8 Fleming was appointed the first Pastor and the first Mass was  
9 celebrated in the chapel of the Maryknoll Seminary on July 4,  
10 1965; and

11           WHEREAS, Ground was broken for the church and school on  
12 March 29, 1966; in September of 1966, St. James School opened  
13 in temporary quarters, and, in 1967, the school and the church  
14 were completed; the first Mass celebrated at the new church  
15 took place on Easter Sunday, March 29, 1967; and

16           WHEREAS, Throughout the years, St. James has been under the  
17 direction of Father James Lennon starting in 1971, Father Edwin  
18 Joyce starting in 1978, and Father John Sebahar starting in  
19 1990; and

20           WHEREAS, It was under Father Sebahar's leadership that on  
21 May 30, 1999, construction began for a new building, which was

1 dedicated in October of 2000; and

2 WHEREAS, Father John Ouper was appointed Pastor in 2001 and  
3 Father David Hankus was appointed the current Pastor in 2013;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The congregation has grown to over 1,800 families;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, An anniversary concert featuring members of the  
8 St. James Music Ministry will be held at the church on May 17,  
9 2015, and on May 31, a celebration Mass and reception will be  
10 held with Bishop R. Daniel Conlon of the Joliet Archdiocese;  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 congratulate St. James the Apostle Parish on its 50th  
15 anniversary and we wish them many more wonderful years; and be  
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the St. James the Apostle Parish as an expression  
19 of our esteem and respect.